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The documents listed on the attached PTO/SB/08B were cited as being relevant during the prosecution of the corresponding Japanese application. A copy of an English language abstract of the listed documents, if available, is being provided. The absence of a translation or an English-language counterpart document does not relieve the PTO from its duty to consider this document (37 C.F.R. § 1.98 and M.P.E.P. § 609).

The Examiner in the corresponding Japanese patent application has commented as follows:

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Note (See the List of Cited Literature for the list of cited literature.)

Claims: 1-3, 5-7

Cited Literature: 1

Comments:

The subnode PC, the trigger button for photography, the track ball and click part, the display, and the lens part described in Cited Literature 1 correspond, respectively, to the data terminal device main unit, the actuation button for the shutter, the terminal actuation button, the display part, and the optics system for photography described in Claims 1 to 3 and 5 to 7 in the present application. Note that the design change regarding the placement of the terminal actuation button on a surface of the display part is nothing more than a design change.

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Claims: 4

Cited Literature: 1, 2

Comments:

When it comes to the technology to have a function where the scroll button is pressed directly downward in order to reduce the number of selected input buttons, it is described in Cited Literature 2 and is a technology that is used broadly. Consequently, the application of said technology to the track ball or click part described in Cited Literature 1 to derive the invention described in Claim 4 of the present application would be easy for an individual in the industry.

Note (See the List of Cited Literature for the list of cited literature.)

Claims: 1, 5, 6

Cited Literature: 3

List of Cited Literature

1. Japanese Unexamined Patent Application Publication H08-022343

2. Japanese Unexamined Patent Application Publication H11-126126

(Disclosed on May 11, 1999.)

3. Japanese Patent Application H9-291202 (Refer to Japanese Unexamined Patent Application

Publication 2000-078254.)

Record of Prior Art Literature Search Results

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Prior Art Literature Japanese Unexamined Patent
Application Publication H11-163996

(Disclosed on June 18, 1999.)

Japanese Unexamined Patent
Application Publication H05-122575

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Applicant respectfully requests that any listed document be considered by the Examiner and be made of record in the present application and that an initialed copy of Form PTO/SB/08B be returned in accordance with M.P.E.P. § 609.

Respectfully submitted,

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